

St Andrews Bay Ladies Improvement Club

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Dear Mr. West -

Silent influence,
written influence, & conversa-
tional influence this P.M.
has created a desire to write
to you now. I have just
been reading your last
letters and beg, if you
can not make a pleasing
construction of what I will
say, just wait until I
come and let me explain.
Will you - ? -

I'm yours of the 27th you
wished to know what my
"vow" was; - since I know

my own self or feelings, more certain, it is a pleasure to tell you - simply, 'to live a full, useful, true life, no matter what my circumstances were.' Do you think since you know, that you could aid me;

I realize that you have ~~aid me~~ ^{aided me} more than anyone on earth, except my mother, who by her tender care while I was younger, planted the desire to be or make a true virtuous woman; and you since I am grown have guided and helped me in a way that has made the desire of my childhood more firm and determined. There is nothing that is greater or grander to me than a true gentleman or woman. That is why I have such confidence and respect for you.

Little did I dream the first few times I came to your office, that you would ever really care for me, not for you, but "silent influence" or something has been at work, therefore I'm speechless; but remember, I have a heart and soul which adores above all true people. Do not think that I will ever use the term "foolish" again, especially since you have defined it as now did, taking all the bad to your self.

When I only had reference to the "green
-ness" of Lillian. Do you remember what
you said about the "one little regret"?
Though our aims and desire may be the
same, still I realize that you are a
scholar, while I, a bundle of wasted
opportunities, (such as I've had.)

There is a greater gulf in this way
than that of our ages. for the latter is
as bridged, under proper circumstances.
Mama says that I spent time enough writing (she thinks that
I'm waiting for the Pilot) therefore I close, remembering your request.
and shall grand some with these words: "that your life, from today, be
filled with comfort and pleasure."
Yours Lillian